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To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Yoshihiro Nishiyama and Yasuo Hayakawa for Thin Film Magnetic Head Comprising SiON Film and Manufacturing Method Therefor.

Enclosed are:

- Preliminary Amendment
- 33 pages of application (including title page), 6 sheets of formal drawings and the following Appendices: n/a
- Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application
- Assignment transmittal letter and Assignment of the invention to: Alps Electric Co., Ltd.
- Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document and certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-111702
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and reference A1

Claims as Filed	Col. 1	Col. 2
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